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1. The Viet Minh in Bangkok have a radio transmitter capable of sending messages directly to the Ho Chi Minh Government headquarters.*

2. Various foreign correspondents have recently sent questionnaires to Ho Chi Minh. The questions are submitted to the Viet Nam News in Bangkok. In recent months the replies have been received within three days.**

Comment. Previous reports had been to the effect that the Viet Minh in Bangkok has not had a radio transmitter capable of reaching Ho's headquarters since the November 47 Coup D'Etat in Thailand. These reports indicated that, although they have radios in Bangkok which receive messages from Ho's headquarters, if the Bangkok Viet Minh wished to send messages that they did so by sending a courier to one of the secret transmitting stations in the provinces: one at Udorn; one at Sakol Nakorn; one at Ubol; and one at Surin.

Comment. This obviously could not be done if couriers to the secret transmitting stations in northeastern and eastern Thailand were used. Considering the time required for encoding the message, the time required to transmit it to Ho Chi Minh himself after the message is received by the Viet Nam Government station (it usually takes at least twelve hours for the message to reach Ho after being received by the government station), and the time required for Ho to compose a reply, it seems fairly certain that the messages were not sent by that means.

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